Fees Charged by Computer Training Institutes

1361. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various computer training institutes in various cities are charging heavy fees from the students;

(b) if so, whether there is any mechanism to keep a control on their fee structure;

(c) whether the fee structure is related to the expenditure incurred by the institutes on purchase of costly equipment; and

(d) what steps are being taken to regulate this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Government have not prescribed any fee structure to be charged by private computer training institutes operating in various places. No definite data is maintained for such institutes, their fee structure, infrastructure etc.

Drop in the use of Fertilizers

1362. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KAHN AZMI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial drop in the use of phosphatic, potassic and complex fertilizers has resulted in a sharp decrease in soil fertility; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the steps taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Since decontrol of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers in 1992-93, there has been drop in the consumption of P&K nutrients. There is, however, no specific information on the deterioration of soil fertility though imbalance in use of NPK fertilisers has led to mining of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers from the soil reservoirs. In order to increase the consumption of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers and thus achieving better balance in the use of fertilisers, Government of India has enhanced the rates of concession of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers with effect from 6.7.96.

Dumping of Toxic Lead Wastes

1363. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Times of India dated the 2nd July, 1996, under the heading 'West dumps toxic lead wastes in India';

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether Government was not aware of the toxic wastes which are harmful to human being, the import of which has increased year after year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The import of hazardous wastes are regulated under Rule 11 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 notified by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. According to these Rules (Rule 11), the import of hazardous wastes from any country to India is not permitted for dumping and disposal. However import of such wastes are allowed for processing or reuse as raw materials after examining each case on merit. Any import of hazardous was-

tes would come under the purview of these Rules. The Government of India is a party to the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Imports of hazardous wastes are also examined as per the obligations under this Convention.

Integrated Seed Development Scheme

1364. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a State-wise implementation programme for the integrated seed development scheme for not so easily accessible in remote areas keeping in view the degree of varieties of the topography of the states vis-a-vis the allocation from the point of long term viability of the scheme, has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The State-wise implementation and allocation of fund under the centrally sponsored scheme namely Integrated Seed Development Programme for not easily accessible and remote areas of all the States was made taking into consideration the facts about the areas where seed production & distribution facilities are not developed and are also not easily accessible. States were requested to identify the areas/districts in their respective States. Accordingly, the States have identified areas/districts keeping in view various factors including topography of the State.

During 1995-96 an amount of Rs. 78.94 lakhs was released to Arunachal Pradesh, A.P., Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, M.P., Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, U.P. and West Bengal.

Budget provision for an amount of Rs.232/- lakhs has been kept for 1996-97. Revalidation of unspent amount of 1995-96 and administrative approval for 1996-97 has already been issued. As soon as utilisation certificate for funds released during 1995-96 is received, funds for 1996-97 will be released.

Godavari University

1365. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has received a proposal for establishing a new University to be named "Godavari University" in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the proposed location of the Godavari University; and

(c) the name of the proposer of this University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Dr. P. Pullarao has proposed to locate the University at either (1) Tadepalligudem, or (2) Fluru or (3) Bhimadole in West Godavari District.

Central University for Kerala

1366. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to start a Central University in Kerala, considering the high percentage of literacy and high demand for higher education there, so that modern minds in the field of education can be made available to the students of Kerala also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): The National Policy on Education 1986 states that in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on